CHAPTER 4:
BATTLE PREPARATION

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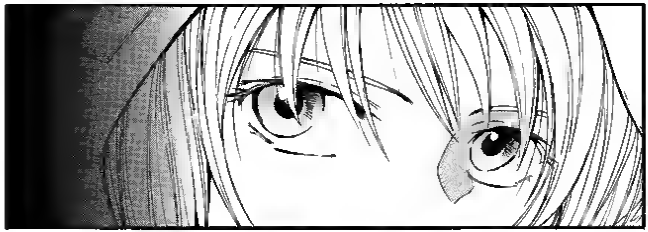
SO THAT'S THE RUMORED LITTLE BROTHER TO BE ABLE TO PRESS THIS KIND OF REMODELED GUN...

LY-GATTO!
SHIG-WEN
ARE YOU HURT?
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU FOUGHT USING A GOLEM?
ARE YOU PAYING ATTEN-TION!!?
3
MANUAL
MANUAL ?
THUD
FURTHER-MORE THERE'S A KIND OF MANUAL FOR THE MORE DELI-CATE STUFF
WHAT WERE YOU GUYS IN-VESTIGAT-ING
IT MOVED SO EASILY JUST NOW
BY THE WAY
.....
I am

IF YOU PRESS IT THE GOLEM WILL MOVE
AH! THAT BUTTON ON THE RIGHT TOWARDS THE BACK, THE ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE A QUARTZ



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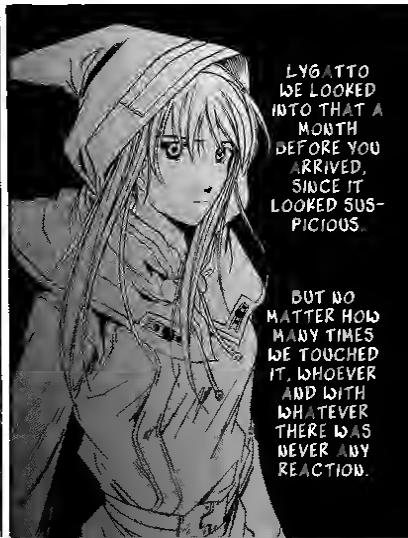
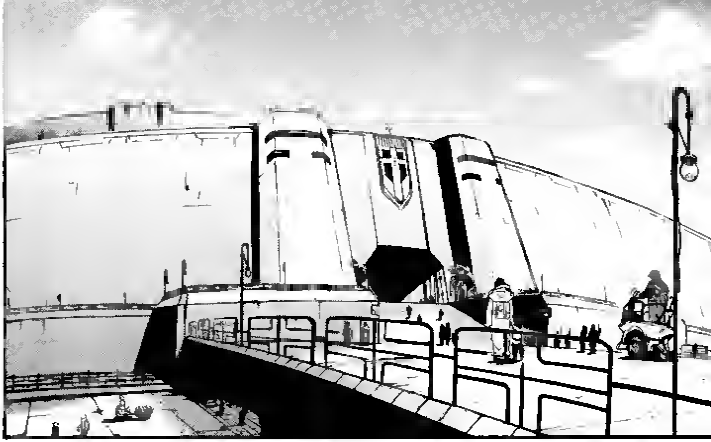
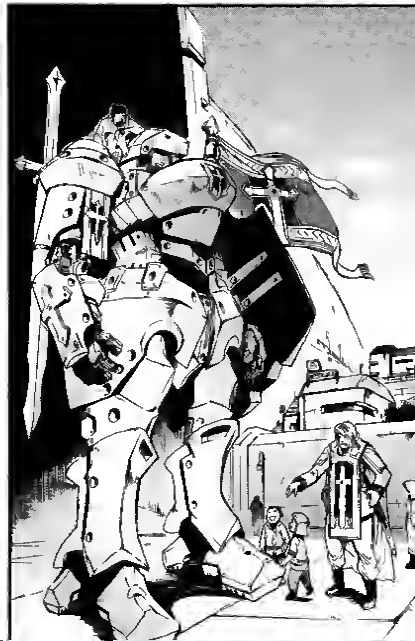
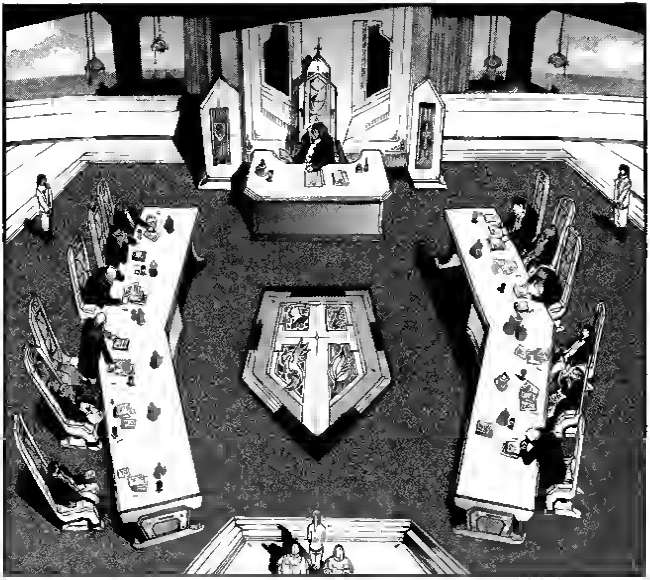
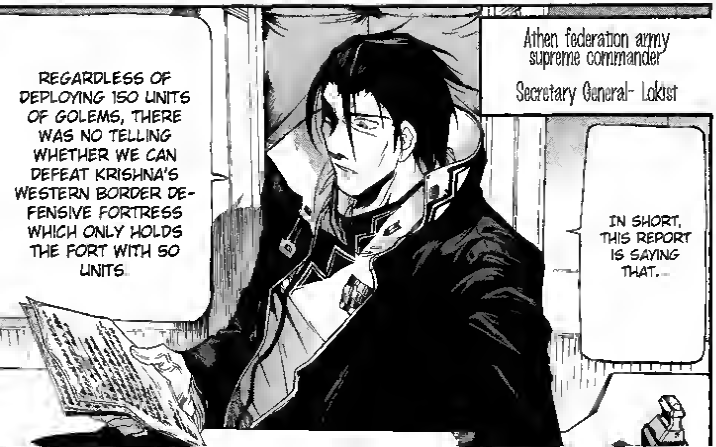

LYGATTO WE LOOKED INTO THAT A MONTH BEFORE YOU ARRIVED, SINCE IT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS.
BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE TOUCHED IT, WHOEVER AND WITH WHATEVER THERE WAS NEVER ANY REACTION.

Athens Federation Capital Iros



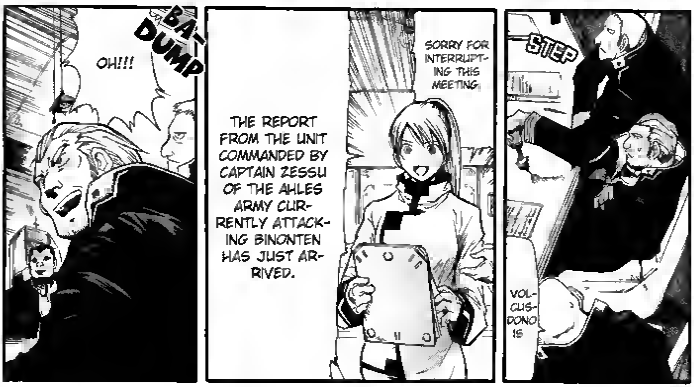


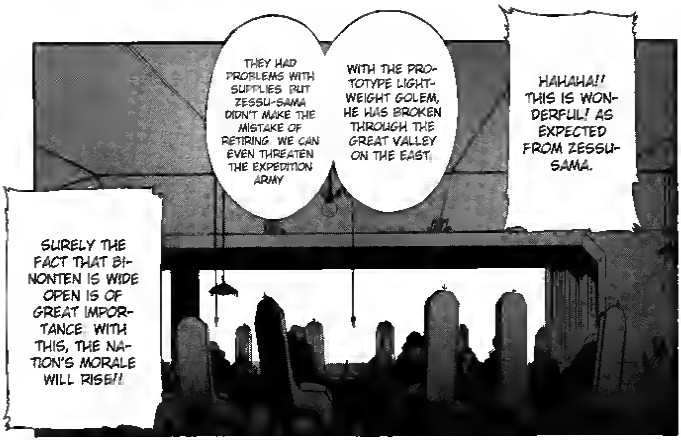


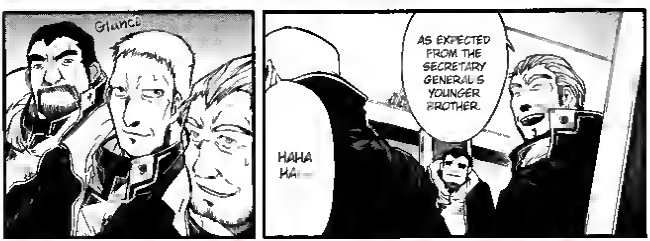

Athen federation army supreme commander
Secretary General- Lakist
REGARDLESS OF DEPLOYING 150 UNITS OF GOLEMS, THERE WAS NO TELLING WHETHER WE CAN DEFEAT KRISHNA'S WESTERN BORDER DEFENSIVE FORTRESS WHICH ONLY HOLDS THE FORT WITH 50 UNITS.
IN SHORT, THIS REPORT IS SAYING THAT...

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ANNOUNCE TO THE ENTIRE NATION
OUR CASUALTIES ARE ALREADY 2000, WITH 36 GOLEM WRECKAGES

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MOBILIZE GENERAL VOLCUS
THAT ASIDE. THE MORE PRESSING ISSUE IS TIME. IF WE TAKE TOO LONG TO CAPTURE, THERE'S THE FEAR OF ORLANDO INTERVENING
IF WE CHOOSE TO SUFFER THE GREAT DAMAGES FROM RETREATING INJURED SOLDIERS BEING CHASED, THE PUBLIC WILL START TO OPPOSE KRISHNA.


BA-DUMP
OH!!!
THE REPORT FROM THE UNIT COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN ZESSU OF THE AHLES ARMY CURRENTLY ATTACKING BINONTEN HAS JUST ARRIVED.
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING THIS MEETING.
STEP
VOLCUSDONO IS


HAHAHA!! THIS IS WONDERFUL! AS EXPECTED FROM ZESSU-SAMA.
WITH THE PROTOTYPE LIGHTWEIGHT GOLEM, HE HAS BROKEN THROUGH THE GREAT VALLEY ON THE EAST.
THEY HAD PROBLEMS WITH SUPPLIES BUT ZESSU-SAMA DIDN'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF RETIRING. WE CAN EVEN THREATEN THE EXPEDITION ARMY
SURELY THE FACT THAT BI-NONTEN IS WIDE OPEN IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. WITH THIS, THE NATION'S MORALE WILL RISE!!



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YOU PRO-CEEDED ON WITHOUT ORDERS AGAIN...
DO YOU REALLY WANT HONOR THAT MUCH,
ZESSU...

KRISHNA'S CAPITAL, BI-NOUTEN
REACTION-TYPE QUARTZ'S MINING QUANTITY IS PRIDED IN CONTINENT ONE, AND THEY ARE ALSO BLESSED WITH THE PROTECTION AND FISHERIES FROM THE GREAT OASIS.
THAT IS WHAT MY OLDER BROTHER SEEMS TO WANT

BUT CAN I EVEN DO IT...? WITH JUST 5 UNITS...
...SAMA
...ZESSU-SAMA...

WILL YOU FORGIVE THE SINS OF THIS FOOLISH BROTHER, AND ACCEPT ME AS A LOYAL SERVANT...
BROTHER, IF I DEFEAT HOZUL WITH THESES HANDS,

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ZESSU-SAMA!!!

TODAY IS KLEO'S COOKING IT'S SEAFOOD AGAIN THOUGH..
.....
...!!!
AH THANK YOU JUST LEAVE IT THERE
THAT'S NOT GOOD. JUST LIKE YESTERDAY, YOU ENDED UP NOT EATING IT.
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YOU STILL DARE TO TALK BACK? AREN'T YOU GOOD ONLY FOR STALLING TIME?
EH? ME AGAIN? WHY CAN'T YOU GO?
GO AND RELIEVE ARGASS FROM PATROLLING..
UUH
GRAB
DON'T DISTURB ZESSU-SAMA.
GAH!
HEY YOU!

ALGASS-DONO AND I HAVE TO FOCUS ON THE BINONTEN'S SECOND ATTACK AND DO SOME MAINTENANCE ON THE ELDE-MIS.
YOU CAN'T REGULATE THE VALVE OF THE JUMP-CORRECTION EQUIPMENT'S AIR PRESSURE EMIS-SIONS, RIGHT?
HM? SHOT COUNT ZERO'S KLEO? ♪
Ding Dong
UUH...

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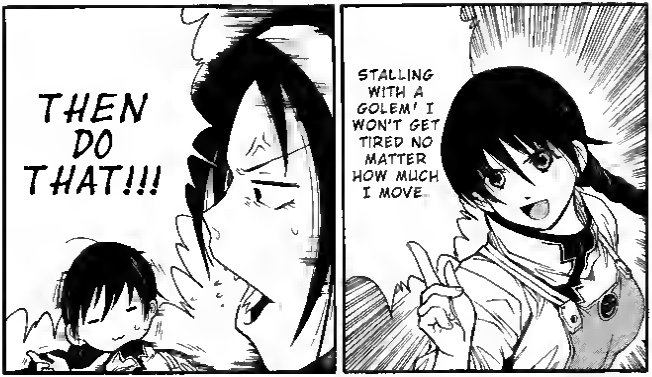
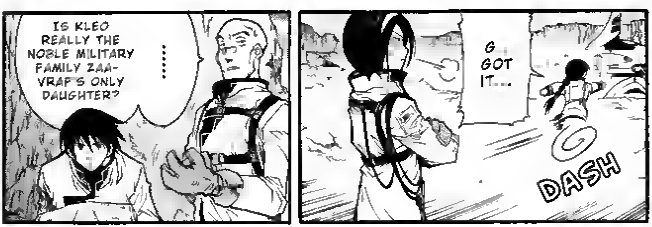
AND?
BEANS ARE COOKING MINE'S YUMMY.
I KNOW I'M DUMB BUT AREN'T YOU SAYING IT A LITTLE TOO HARSHLY?
I AM STILL USEFUL ENOUGH.
HEH... IN A 12 YEAR OLD WHAT ELSE CAN BE BOASTED BESIDES THE USELESS BIG BREASTS?
AND?
I CAN WASH CLOTHES


THEN DO THAT!!!
STALLING WITH A GOLEM! I WON'T GET TIRED NO MATTER HOW MUCH I MOVE


IS KLEO REALLY THE NOBLE MILITARY FAMILY ZAA-VRAF'S ONLY DAUGHTER?
.....
G GOT IT...
DASH

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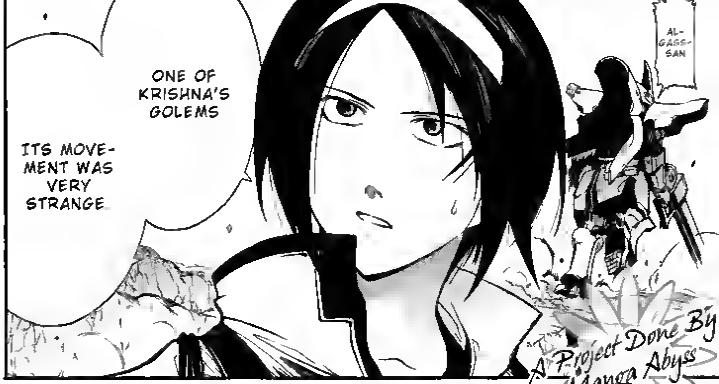
HM?
WHAT'S WRONG, LEE?
— AH! ZESSU-SAMA
THERE'S SOME-THING IN MY MIND
KYU.U


ONE OF KRISHNA'S GOLEMS
ITS MOVEMENT WAS VERY STRANGE.
AL-GASS-SAN
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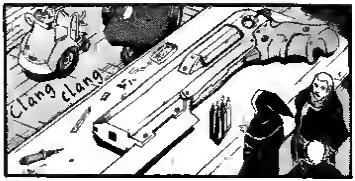
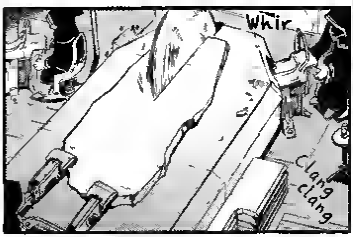
BUT THE ARMOR STRENGTH AND SHOTS ARE QUITE WEAK. I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.
YES, THERE'S ONE THAT LOOKS STRANGE.

I THOUGHT WE COULD USE THIS TO HELP FIT TO OUR ADVANTAGE

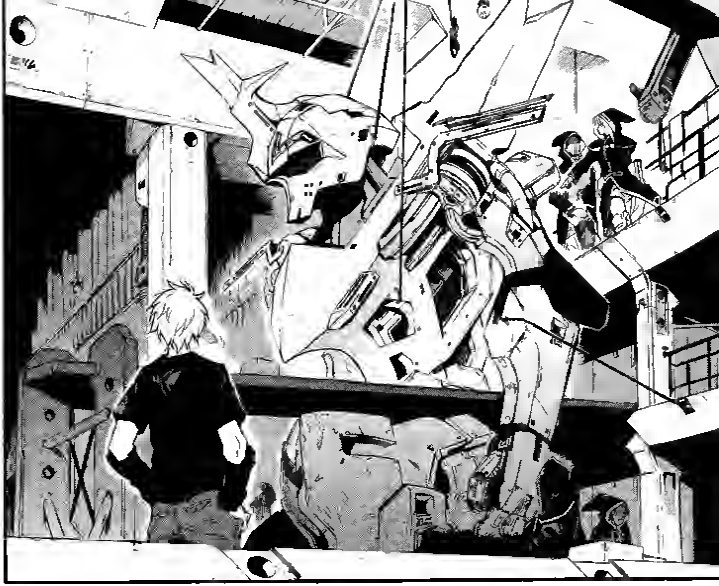
I SUPPOSE SO.


Clang clang


Whir
Clang clang

BUZZ

Capital
Binnonten



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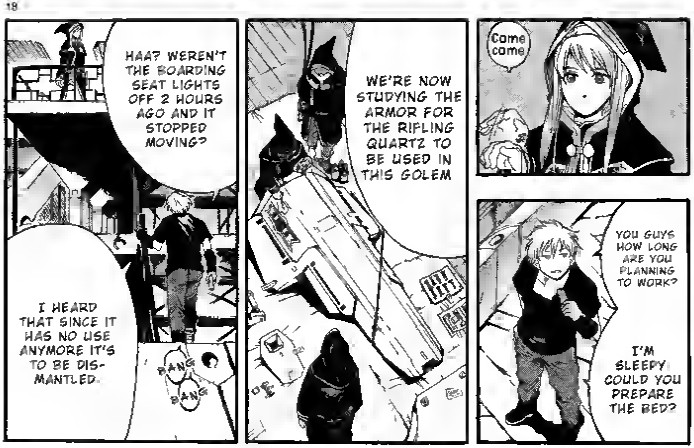
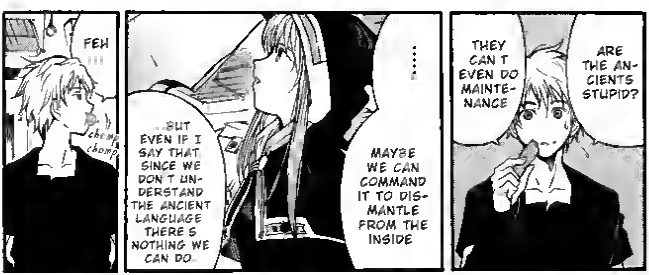

HAA? WEREN'T THE BOARDING SEAT LIGHTS OFF 2 HOURS AGO AND IT STOPPED MOVING?
I HEARD THAT SINCE IT HAS NO USE ANYMORE IT'S TO BE DISMANTLED.
BANG
BANG
WE'RE NOW STUDYING THE ARMOR FOR THE RIFLING QUARTZ TO BE USED IN THIS GOLEM
Come come
YOU GUYS HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO WORK?
I'M SLEEPY COULD YOU PREPARE THE BED?

FROM THIS POINT, THE INNER FRAME FROM JUST NOW CANNOT BE DISMANTLED FROM THE OUTSIDE
WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY WE CAN ONLY DESTROY IT


ARE THE ANCIENTS STUPID?
THEY CAN'T EVEN DO MAINTENANCE
MAYBE WE CAN COMMAND IT TO DISMANTLE FROM THE INSIDE
...BUT EVEN IF I SAY THAT, SINCE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...
FEH
chomp chomp

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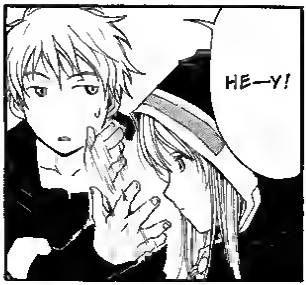
EVEN SO...
SUCH AN UNBALANCED GOLEM

WE MADE BULLETS AND ARMORS AND EVEN TEACUPS FROM QUARTZ. THE ANCIENTS WERE DIFFERENT, THEY RELIED ON TEMPERATURE AND OIL, WITH GOOD COMPATIBILITY METAL AS MEDIUMS.. WHY IS THIS INNER FRAME MANUFACTURED USING TEMPERATURE, OIL AND QUARTS WHICH IS A BAD COMPATIBILITY?
LOOKING AT THE UNKNOWN TECHNOLOGY LIKE THE INNER FRAME, THEIR PURIFICATION TECHNOLOGY OF THE FLEXIBLE-TYPE QUARTZ IS VERY UNSKILLFUL
THE OUTER ARMOR IS COVERED WITH CORRODED PATCHES, BUT THE INNER FRAME IS NOT CORRODED AT ALL.

THEN WHAT WAS...
THE LAST MISSION...
JUST TO ACCOMPLISH IT THE GOLEMS SEEMED RUSHED INTO PRODUCTION.


HE—Y!

HUH?
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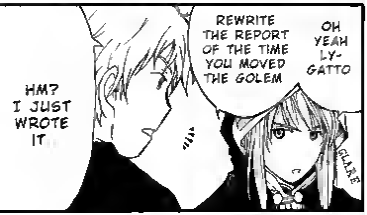
HM? I JUST WROTE IT
REWRITE THE REPORT OF THE TIME YOU MOVED THE GOLEM
OH YEAH LY-GATTO
GLARE

PATS
THIS WON'T DO! REWRITE IT!

EXPLAIN WITH WORDS, NOT PICTURES!
HA?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH I'LL WRITE IT, SO YOU EXPLAIN IT TO ME
GAH... AND I WAS PROUD OF IT TOO...

I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR SPIRIT AS A MAN...
"AT THAT TIME I CAN'T BE FEARFUL AS I FOUGHT LIKE A MAN."
I DID WRITE SOME-THING!

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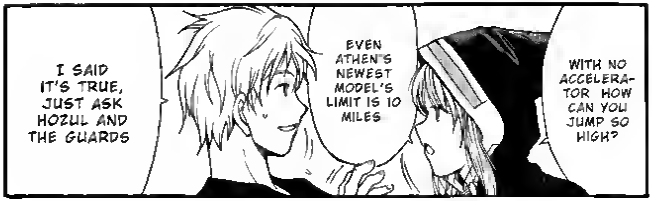
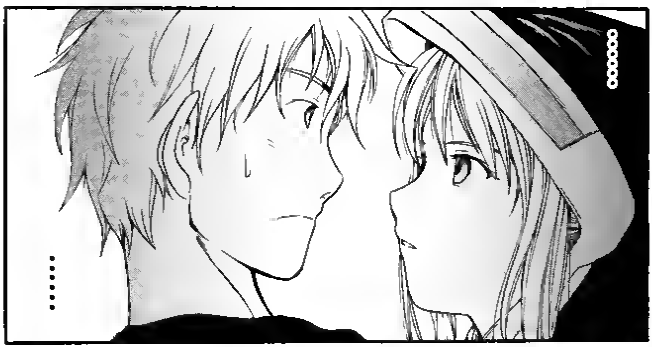
ANSWER ME SERI-OUSLY! YOU JUMPED 20 MILES?
ERR... I JUMPED
SO? HOW DID YOU CLIMB INTO THE NUMBER 118 AT THE MINING SITE?


WITH NO ACCELERATOR HOW CAN YOU JUMP SO HIGH?
EVEN ATHEN'S NEWEST MODEL'S LIMIT IS 10 MILES
I SAID IT'S TRUE, JUST ASK HOZUL AND THE GUARDS

IS THAT TRUE?
YUP.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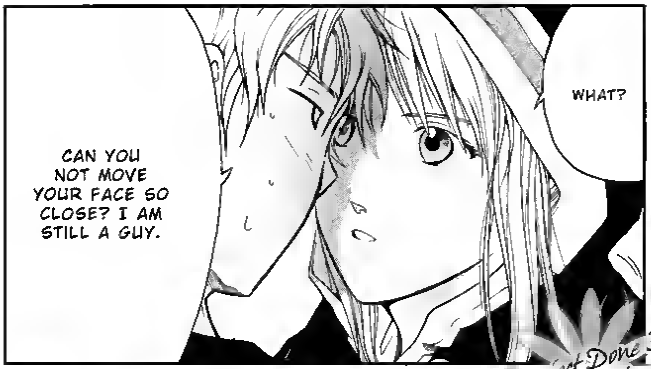
HOW ABOUT THE LANDING IMPACT?
JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU FELT.
SHIG-WEN-SAN?



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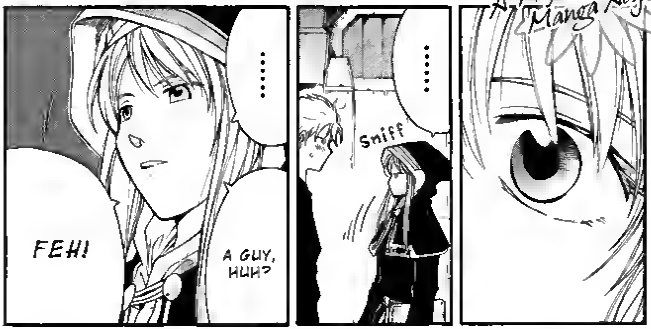

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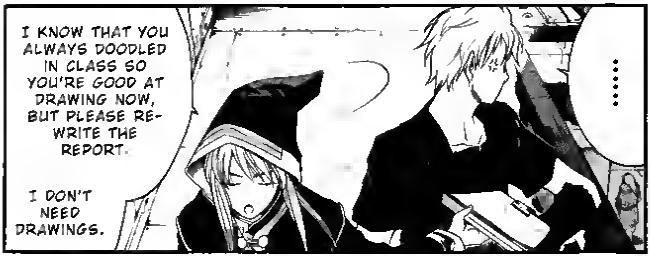

TAP
TAP
TAP
WHAT HAPPENED? YOUR FACE IS ALL RED
.....
SHIGWEN-SAMA
TAP TAP
I'LL SHOW YOU.
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SO THIS IS THE GALACTIC GOLEM THAT THE ANCIENTS MADE!!
BATS

YOU HAVE RE-TURNED!!
GEN-ERAL TOOR!!

YES, JUST NOW.

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SINCE I'M BACK NOW I WON'T LET ATHENS DO AS THEY PLEASE
YOU CAN NOW REST AS-SURED

WE CAN'T USE THIS GUY ANYMORE, RIGHT? DISPOSE OF IT IMMEDIATELY. IT'S INTRUSIVE.
NOW NO MATTER HOW MANY HANGARS THERE ARE. THERE'S ALWAYS NOT ENOUGH
KRISHNA'S GREATEST SECOND GENERAL, GENERAL TOOR
WHO IS HE?
FEH...
LET'S GO!
YES SIR
MU... SHIGWEN-SAMA IS IT... THEN WE HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT SHIGWEN-SAMA LIKES IT A LOT
WAH
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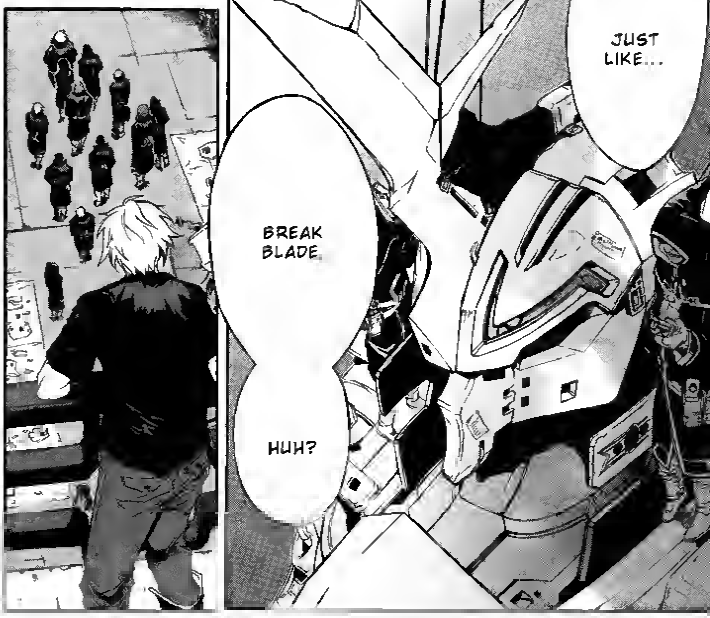
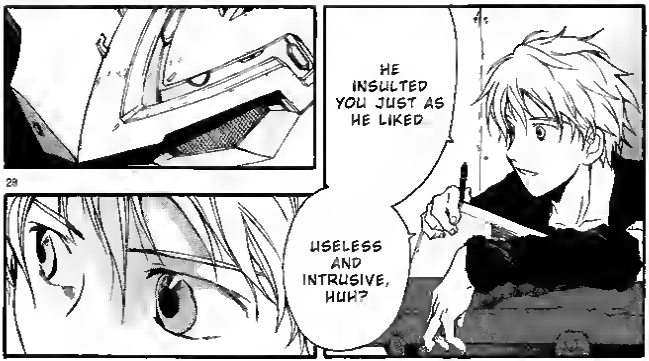
HEHE


JUST LIKE...
BREAK BLADE
HUH?


HE INSULTED YOU JUST AS HE LIKED
USELESS AND INTRUSIVE, HUH?

Pitcher

MY LITTLE BROTHER AND I WERE ALWAYS SAID TO BE SUCH TOO
DON'T MIND WHAT HE SAID ABOUT YOU

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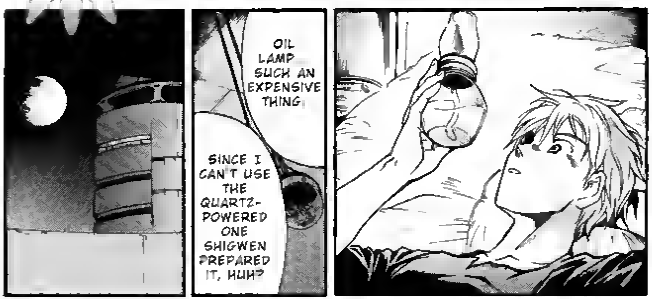

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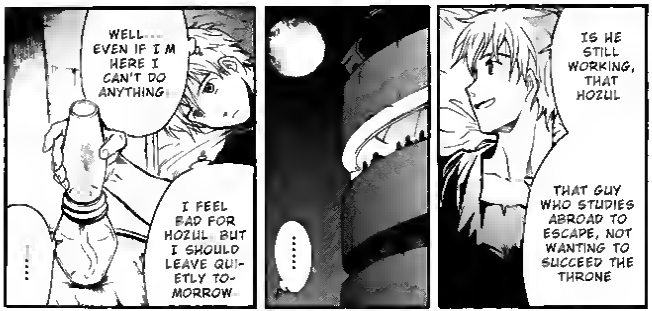
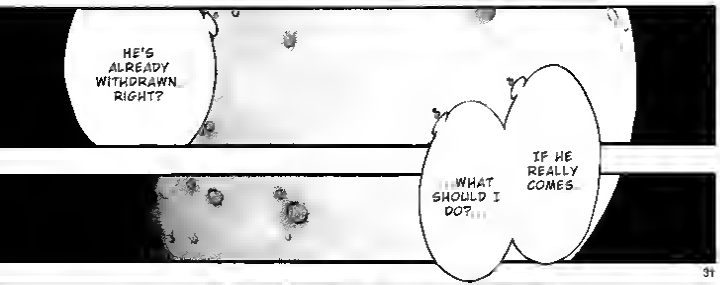
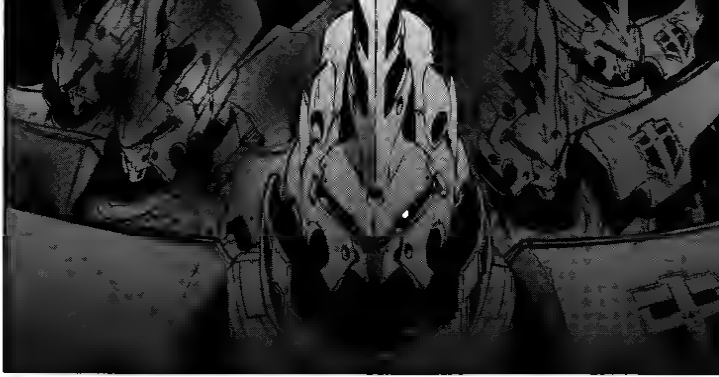

WELL.... EVEN IF I'M HERE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING
I FEEL BAD FOR HOZUL BUT I SHOULD LEAVE QUIETLY TOMORROW
.....
.....
IS HE STILL WORKING, THAT HOZUL
THAT GUY WHO STUDIES ABROAD TO ESCAPE, NOT WANTING TO SUCCEED THE THRONE

...ZESSU...


HE'S ALREADY WITHDRAWN RIGHT?
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?...
IF HE REALLY COMES...



THE OBJECTIVE IS TO DEPLETE KRISHNA ARMY'S WAR POTENTIAL
BINONTEN SECOND WAVE ATTACK COMMENCE
SUBMIS-SION...

ASSAM NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMY.

IT TOOK THE OLD ATHENS EMPIRE HALF A CENTURY TO RECAPTURE ASSAM AND KRISHNA, MERGING THEM BY FORCE IN THE INDEPENDENCE WAR.

SOON ENOUGH THE STEADY DIPLOMACT ENDED, AND THE THREE COUNTRIES WITH THE SAME LANGUAGES, KHRISHNA FEDERATION, KRISHNA COUNTRT AND ATHENS COUNTRY- RAISED THE WEST, SOUTH, AND NORTH UNION ARMIES
IN PREPARATIONS, THE COUNTRT OF ASSAM TRAINED ITS UNION ARMY RESERVE AND IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDSHIP WITH ATHENS AND KRISHNA, ASSAM NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMT WAS FOUNDED

OF COURSE, CHERISHING THE OFFER OF MILITARY TECHNOLOGT FROM ATHENS AND KRISHNA, AS A MILITARY SCHOOL THEY CAN'T GET ANY AUTHORITT
BUT AFTER THE INDEPENDENCE WAR, THE THREE COUNTRIES HAD SOME CULTURAL EXCHANGES SINCE WITHIN MANT YEARS THE SCHOOL'S ALUMNI HAD MADE MORE EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE THEIR ARMT SECTIONS. THEY HAD LEARNED MANY THINGS AS SPECIAL STUDENTS.

WHEN THE KUDETA BROKE IN ASSAM, THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED, 31 YEARS AFTER IT WAS FORMED.

BY THE WAY LTGATTO'S AFFILIATED SCHOOL IS SAID "WHERE AS LONG AS THERE IS MONST, ANYONE CAN ENTER"